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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th/March, through Sunday, 11th/March there were 226 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3C0, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0X, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XF4, XU, XX9, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

1B, TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS. Golkem, TA7AZC, will be active as 1B/TA7AZC from the Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) between March 16-19th. His main activity will be the Russian DX Contest (March 17-18th). He will use a Kenwood TS480Sat with 100w into a windom wire antenna. QSL via his home callsign (see QRZ.com for details).

PLEASE NOTE: The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) is a self proclaimed state (part of Cyprus), which is only recognized by Turkey. The TRNC does not count for anything for DXCC purposes. Also, the use of the 1B prefix is illegal and is not sanctioned by the ITU. For more details about TRNC, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Cyprus

3B7A ST. BRANDON ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). The 3B7A DXpedition is

expected to be active between April 5-17th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with 5 stations. Suggested frequencies are as follows:

CW - 1826.5, 3523, 7023, 10115, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 3790, 7082, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 10142, 14080, 18099, 21080, 24912 and 28080 kHz

QSL via F5CWU (direct or by the Bureau), ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more information, see: http://www.saintbrandondx.com
Support them from their Web site: http://www.saintbrandondx.com/how-to-help-us
Follow them on Facebook and
Twitter .

3B8, MAURITIUS. Mart, DL6UAA, is once again active as 3B8MM on Mauritius Island (AF-049) between March 27th and April 11th. Activity has been on 40-6 meters including 30/17/12m using mainly CW with some Digital. QSL via DL6UAA, direct or by the Bureau. Visit his Web page at:
http://www.dl6uaa.com

3C0W, ANNOBON ISLAND. Operators Yuris/YL2GM, Kaspars/YL1ZF (ex-YL3AIW) and Girts/YL2KL were expected to leave Bioko Island on Tuesday last week for Annobon Island, but that did not happen. They had to wait for the next flight on Saturday, March 10th. The team is now active as 3C0W as of March 10th, and they will return to Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea, on March 24th. Activity again will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies were listed in OPDX.1354. QSL via YL2GN direct or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). See their Web page for more details. Look for the logs to be uploaded to LoTW six months after their operations. For more details and updates, watch their Web page at: http://www.lral.lv/3c0w_3c3w/index.html
SATURDAY UPDATE: Mobile Internet fails to work. Thus 3C0W log uploads are unlikely until the DXpedition is over.

3Y0Z BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (They'll Be Back!). If you missed it during the past week, Bob, K4UEE, sent out a press release explaining what happened and what is next? Read special OPDX.1354.2 as well as the ARRL Web page at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/3y0z-bouvet-island-team-we-ll-be-back

4L, GEORGIA. Mamuka Kordzakhia, 4L2M, President of the National Association Radio Amateurs of Georgia (NARG), will be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via EA7FTR.

4V7, HAITI. Members of the "Lazy DXers Team" will be active as 4V7R from Haiti (NA-096) between October 19-29th. Operators mentioned are Fran/EA7FTR, Carlos/EA1DVY, Jose/EA1ACP, Rick/HH2MK, Jean/HH2JR, Robert/EB7DX and someone named David. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via EB7DX. For more details and updates, watch:
http://lazydxers.com/4v7r/index.html

5P0, DENMARK (Special Event). Look for special event station 5P0WARD/xx and many other stations to be active on April 18th, to celebrate the "IARU 93th World Amateur Radio Day". QSL via OZ1ACB. A special 5P0WARD Award is available for working different 5P0WARD/xx stations (different suffix). For details, see QRZ.com .

6W, SENEGAL. YL Elvira, IV3FSG, is now active as 6W/IV3FSG from Thies, near Dakar. The length of her stay is unknown. She works for the Informatici Senza Frontiere organization. Activity will be limited to her spare time on 80-10 meters. Look for Elvira to operate SSB and possibly the Digital modes. QSL all SSB and Digital mode QSOs via IK3GES. Logs will be uploaded to both LoTW and ClubLog after the operation.

6W, SENEGAL (Update). Franz, DC4CQ, informs OPDX that he has a temporary license, 6W/DC4CQ, from Senegal for the period of April 15-28th. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using a FT 857D with 100 watts into antennas: FD4 (40), 20, 17m, a triple leg for 15-17-20m and a probable homebrew Magnetic-Loop 15-20m. He states that he "will work SSB, and if the conditions are bad he will be on the Digital modes FT8 (JT65, PSK31)." Franz, states, "I'm a gynecologist, obstetrician and an engineer. I will work together with my wife (general medicine) at the Hospital -- St. Jean de Dieu in Thiès, Senegal. My job will be in education of prenatal ultrasound and introduction of a new surgery system. Therefore I have a lot to do and I will only operate in the evening." QSL via his home callsign.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will be active as 8P5A during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25h) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or HA1AG (direct, by the Bureau).

9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS. After some delays, a large group of operators are now active as 9M0W from Layang Layang Island (AS-051) until March 13th. Activity is on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via YT1AD. Log is supposed to be uploaded to ClubLog and the DXpedition's Web site, under QSL: http://www.yt1ad.info/9m0w
The 9M0W team dedicates this expedition in memory of David Collingham, K3LP/SK.

A5, BHUTAN. Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again travel to Bhutan with Jin/JF1IST and Champ/E21EIC and be active as A5A between March 14-18th. Their main purpose is to meet with the foreign ministry to report on the outcome and progress of the collaborative project for the youth development program SEISA works for the BOC. They will meet with the official of the Ministry of Health and the Sports Federations. They will also have meetings with the BOC National Olympic Committee. Operators will install a radio tower for the club station at the RTC. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Zorro/JH1AJT and Jin/JF1IST will focus on the FT8 mode. QSL via JH1AJT: PO Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 259-0111, Japan. The OQRS will be available on ClubLog after Zorro's return to Japan. Support - Foundation for Global Children (FGC): http://www.fgc.or.jp/english

A5, BHUTAN. JA operators Jusei/JA3IVU and Junichi/JH3AEF will once again be active as A52IVU and A52AEF, respectively, from Dochula Eco Resort,

Punakha, between April 29th and May 6th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY/PSK/JT65/FT8). Max Power will be 200 watts into a 2 element Yagi (20-10m), HEX-6 (20-6m), Loop(15m), Wire DP(40m) and Long Wire (80, 40, 30m and 160m if possible). QSL A52AEF via JH3AEF, direct or by the Bureau. QSL A52IVU via JA3IVU, direct by the Bureau or LoTW. See QRZ.com for more details. LAST MINUTE UPDATE: Two YL operators, Janet/WA0WOF and Kyoko/JR3MVF, are expected to join the OM operators and be active with the club callsign A52YL. QSL via WA0WOF.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST). Did you remember to change your clocks? Countries in the Northern Hemisphere (most of N. American and some of the Caribbean) who observe Daylight Saving Time should have changed their clocks on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 AM, and should have moved their "local clocks" forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 AM local time. Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 AM. European countries will switch to DST on March 25th. For the history and details about DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2018.html
ADDED NOTES: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know not to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

ED9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Members of the Amateur Radio Union of Ceuta will be active as ED9E during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via EA9ACD direct only.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Operators Rick/AI5P, Gregory/W0ZA and Jim/WD0E will once again operate from Pointe Milou, St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, Grid Square FK87), between October 17-26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with satellite operations by WD0E. Conditions may largely limit most activity to 20 meters and down. Operating 160 meters is being considered, however, no antenna option is yet finalized. Satellite operation will take place on several satellites. A satellite and pass schedule will be announced on the AMSAT-bb in advance. Equipment includes three Elecraft K3's and two 500 watt Elecraft amps. Antennas include a SteppIR crank IR vertical for 80-10 meters, a folding hexbeam by Folding Antennas (Germany) on 20-10 meters, LPDA's on 20 and 17 meters and verticals on 30 and 40 meters. Operation will be as continuous as conditions warrant. The Colorado operators have decided to use FJ/N0KV as their callsign while AI5P will be active as FJ/AI5P. FJ/N0KV logs will be updated to LoTW while Rick's logs (FJ/AI5P) will not since he continues to be an analog guy with an actual key and pen/paper log. Paper QSLs will be available from both N0KV and AI5P direct and via the Bureau. All U.S. addressees send SASE; addressees outside the US should send SAE plus 2 USDs for return postage. Use of ClubLog is not anticipated. Further information will be published as the trip approaches.

Further Satellite Info (by Jim/WD0E)[edited]: "For satellite operation, we plan to be on as many passes of as many satellites as possible focusing on the evening hours. Equipment will be an IC 910 and Arrow. On Montserrat in 2015, we were on FO-29 only. For St. Barts, we will also operate some FM satellites. We will assemble a pass plan before we go and post it to the AMSAT-bb. We will stick to that plan as much as possible, but of

course conditions may cause us adjust on the fly. The operating location has good visibility to the horizon from about the NW through N and E to the SE. Other directions are somewhat obscured. QSLs handled as written above."

GB6, ENGLAND (Special Event/Press Release)[edited]. Radio stations from around the world will exchange greetings with GB6GEO over the airwaves at the English Riviera Global Geopark during the special communications weekend between June 9-10th. The special event station will transmit live from Kent's Cavern, Torquay, right in the heart of the English Riviera Global Geopark. Using a special event callsign GB6GEO will establish contact with other radio stations around Britain, Europe and the World from the English Riviera Geopark.

GB6GEO will also make contact with radio stations transmitting from within other Global Geoparks. There are other operators around the world using the GEO based callsign as part of the Geoparks Communication Weekend. GB6GEO will establish contact with some of these over the communications event weekend.

GeoparkCertificate -- For amateur radio stations/SWL's around the world who contacted/heard Geopark stations, the English Riviera Geopark is offering a special commemorative European Geoparks Network radio amateur certificate for contacts with GB6GEO (instant qualifier), or two Geopark stations excluding GB6GEO. (the award will also apply to SWL's on a heard basis).This certificate, is endorsed by our Queens husband H.R.H The Duke of Edinburgh, with his own words congratulating the holder. Certificates will cost UK£4 each, Europe €5 and rest of the world USDs7.

Alternatively certificate holders to be the first in their country to claim the certificate will have an 'FC' suffix following the certificate number. This denotes the first person in their country to claim the 'Geoparks' award. These certificate holders will be worth one point towards the basic certificate, that requires two points, or work any five (5) certificate holders.

Certificate Manager/ direct QSLs to Martin Foster, G3VOF, QTHR or QRZ.com. Please also see QRZ.com for the latest updates. Only log details necessary.

QSLs -- There is a special glossy high quality souvenir QSL cards for this event, promoting the English Riviera Geopark.

All QSL cards will automatically be sent out via the bureau, or send an SASE in the UK. If you are outside the UK, then please send an addressed envelope, and sufficient funds for return postage, if you would like a card direct, all QSLs via G3VOF.

Any information required about GB6GEO please contact Martin Foster via e-mail at: martin@riviera.fm

If you live in Austria, Australia, China, Norway, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Spain or Brazil or any country with a Geopark and would like to participate in the Geoparks Communication Festival by putting on a "GEO" callsign please get in touch with G3VOF.

Some other Geopark stations include:

DK6GEO Harz Mountains (Unicorn Cave) Germany
GB2MAC (Marble Arch Caves) N.Ireland
EI2GEO (Copper Coast) Rep of Ireland
J48GEO (Lesvos Is) N.Aegean Is, Greece
YP2GEO (Tara Hateulul) Romania

Main freq's that are used: 3.680MHz, 7.080MHz, 14.180MHz, 21.180MHz, 28.380MHz., and 50.180MHz. GB6GEO will also transmit on 2m FM, and 6m SSB. The event is run by the Torbay Amateur Radio Society (TARS).

GB60, ENGLAND (Special Event/Contests). Members of the "Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association" (RAOTA) will activate the special callsign, GB60OT, to celebrate their association's Diamond Jubilee year. Their tentative schedule (by the operators) during 2018 is as followings:

March 17-25th -- Operator Simon, M0TRJ
April 14-22nd -- Operator David, G3ZPF
May 19-27th -- Operator Walt, G3NYY

The main emphasis will be on normal QSOs, but because the GB60 prefix is unusual, they intend to be active during the CQWW WPX SSB and CW Contest (March 24-25th and May 26-27th). Look for operators Simon and Walt to be active on the Digital modes too. QSL via the Bureau, eQSL, or direct to G3KPU. Full details about RAOTA can be found on their Web site at:

http://www.raota.org

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-201. Operators Max/IK8LOV, Col/MM0NDX and Bjorn/ON9CFG will be active as TA0/homecall from the Sea of Marmara Island, Turkey, between May 7-11th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-2 meters. QSL TA0/MM0NDX and TA0/ON9CFG via M0SDV.

NA-198. (Special Event) look for special event station VD1BOOM to be active from Bell Island Lighthouse Site (LOTA CAN-673), Newfoundland, Canada, during the month of April (watch April 1-12th). Activity is to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the mysterious Bell Island Boom which took place in 1978. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8 (maybe). QSL via VO1IDX, LoTW and ClubLog. Check out QRZ.com for more details.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active as P44W (requested - P40W if not approved) from Aruba (SA-036) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. The length of his stay is unknown. Operations outside of the contest are usually on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Phil/DK6SP and Jamie/M0SDV (17 yrs old) will be active as PJ4/DK6SP and PJ4/M0SDV, respectively, from Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between March 16th and April 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters with a focus on 30/17/12m using mostly CW and SSB, but also Digital modes (RTTY, FT8). QSL PJ4/M0SDV via M0SDV, direct or by ClubLog's OQRS. Bureau requests are OQRS ONLY! Cards received via the Bureau will NOT be answered. Request direct via OQRS is 3 USDs or direct via Postal Mail 2 USDs to M0SDV (Strictly NO IRCs). QSL PJ4/DK6SP via DK6SP, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. QSL cards will be sent via bureau automatically. Direct requests, please include 2 USDs and they will be answered as soon as possible. LoTW upload will be done shortly after the activity. There will be LIVE Twitter updates by both <@DK6SP> and <@M0SDV>. The operators will join PJ4DX, PJ4KY and PJ4NX, and be active as PJ4V during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (preferred) and LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE. John, KK9A, will be active as PJ4/KK9A from the "Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between March 19-25th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He plans to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) signing PJ4R as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via WD9DZV.

PJ5 & PJ6, ST. EUSTATIUS AND SABA ISLANDS. Rick, AI5P, will be active as PJ5/AI5P from Sint Eustatius Island (NA-145) between April 9-16th, and PJ6/AI5P from Saba Island (NA-145) between April 28th and May 5th. Activity will be holiday style and usually on 40-10 meters using mostly CW (probably most of time on 30/17 meters CW). QSL via AI5P, direct or by the Bureau. No LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog.

PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS. Polish operators Bogdan/SP2FUD, Zenek/SP2GCJ and Janusz/SP9FIH will be active as PJ5/SP2FUD, PJ5/SP2GCJ, and PJ5/SP9FIH, respectively, from Sint Eustatius Island (NA-145) between March 13-27th. They plan to operate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry signing PJ5T. QSL via SP2GCJ. Activity outside the contest will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (PSK, RTTY, FT8). QSL via their home callsigns or ClubLog. They insist on using Clublog's OQRS system. For more possible updates, see:

http://pj5.dxpeditions.org

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Postponed/Rescheduled). Tom, AA9A, will once again be active as PJ7AA from Simpson Bay, Sint Maarten (NA-105), between November 17th and December 1st (not March 5th-April 4th as first announced). Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and the Digital modes. He hopes to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th). Operations will be with 100 watts with a K3 and Buddi-pole. QSL via AA9A or LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 12-18th).....

Mar/12th	AN	Mar/15th	AN	Mar/17th	HN
Mar/13th	AN	Mar/16th	HN	Mar/18th	HN
Mar/14th	HN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for

Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (March 11th)

4B4B via XE1B	EF8I via EA8TK	PX2A via PY2VM
4K28MAY via 4K4K (d)	GP0STH via G4DIY (d)	SF6F via SA6FOL (L)
4M6R via EA5GL (d/L)	GU6XX via M0OXO (O)	SG7A via SM7XEN
4S7IGG via LZ1PJ	II5VC via IZ5MMH	TI1T via TI2CC (L/e)
5X8C via ON6NL & (L)	II9IGJ via IT9MRM (d)	TM17HF via F6BCC
9Y4/LY2IJ via LY2IJ	IR6T via IK6VXO	TY7C via F5GSJ (O/L)
C37NL via C37URA	LM10SOTA via LB4FH (e)	XR0YD via DL4SVA (O)
CR140AA via CU3AA & (L)	LY28A via LY5A	XV9NPS via JA2NPS (B)
DA0HEL via DF6QC	LZ115RF via LZ1YE	ZW8T via PS8HF (d)
DL8L via DJ4WT	NF3R/C6A via NF3R (L/e)	
ED7W via EA7OT	PJ4/K2NG via WA2NHA	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3B8XF
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/C96RRC
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/C98RRC
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/VK9LI
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/VP2EGO

5W20SAMOA PAPER QSL MANAGER. Pedro, EA5GL, informs OPDX that he is taking over the paper QSLs for 5W20SAMOA. The callsign 5W20SAMOA is being used by Atsu, 5W1SA, to celebrate his 20th anniversary for being on the air throughout 2018. See OPDX.1346 for details.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5B4AJC, 5K0T, 9A7JCY, 9G4W, 9L/KW4XJ, AH2R, CE2AWW, CT7ACG, DJ7JC, DJ6JZ, DL3KVR, E75C, EA2RY, F1PWS, H72DX, I1NVU, I4AVG, IR6T, JR1NKN, LU1YT, OH6UAK, ON4VT, OY1R, OY9JD, OZ6EI, PW0F, PZ5K, RA3FP, SM7IUN, TF3JB, TO5A, TT8CY, UA3LLR, V51YJ, VE1HCL, VP2ETE, YT100SF and ZF2MJ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3C0L, 3C1L, 3XY3D/P, 9G5W, 9U4M, C81G (AF-061),

OY1OF, PU1KVA, TK/S57C, TR8CA and ZC4A

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI. Ken, KH6QJ, will once again be active as T32AZ from Kiritimati Island [Christmas Island](OC-024) between April 17-24th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters, but will focus on 40 meters using CW and SSB. He also plans to be in Worked All Provinces China (WAPC) Contest (April 21-22nd). QSL via his home call, direct or by the Bureau.

TN, REPUBLIC OF CONGO (Reminder). Members/team operators from the Tifarit Gang and DXFriends are now active as TN5R from Brazzaville until March 19th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA5RM or OQRS. For more details and updates, see: http://www.dxfriends.com/tn5r
The TN5R team dedicates this expedition in memory of David Collingham, K3LP/SK.

TX5, FRENCH POLYNESIA (Reminder). Operators Bill/KH6OO and Will/W0ZRJ (son) are now active as TX5X from the north shore of Mt. Orohena on the island of Tahiti (OC-046) until March 17th. Activity will be on various HF bands using one 100w station (Flex 6700) into a vertical dipole. Modes will be CW, FT8, JT9 and JT65. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, QRZ.com and ClubLog (OQRS) at the completion of their trip. In addition, EVERYONE in the log will be sent a QSL via their Bureau. Please do not send them Bureau cards. Read "Tips to get into our log" on QRZ.com.

TY, BENIN (Reminder). Members of the F6KOP team, the Provins ARC, are now active as TY7C from Ouidah until March 17th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via F5GSJ direct, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details, see: https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com

V3, BELIZE. Jose, EC5AC, will be active as V31FT from Maya Hill between October 29th and November 8th. Activity will be on various HF bands, but with a focus on the FT8 mode. QSL via EC5AC. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. An Australian team will be active as VK9LI from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) between May 11-18th. Operators mentioned are Chris/VK3QB, Brenton/VK3YB and Luke/VK3HJ. Activity will be on 160-17 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via VK2CA, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW (preferred; possible daily uploads) or ClubLog's OQRS (after QRT). They have a FaceBook page at:
https://www.facebook.com/VK9LI-Lord-Howe-Island-188704095218234

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Operators Art/WA7NB and Woody/K2UU will be active as VP2EAB and VP2EGW, respectively from Anguilla Island (NA-022) between November 18-26th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They plan to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 14-25th) using a special callsign and possibly as a Multi-Single entry

or a Multi-Multi (if more ops are involved). Details have yet to been worked out. QSL VP2EAB via WA7NB, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. QSL VP2EGW via K2UU, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

XX9B MACAO DXPEDITION NEWS (Reminder). The XX9B DXpedition is now active until March 17th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies were listed in OPDX.1354.2. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS (for direct and Bureau). Their log will uploaded into LoTW 1 year after the operation.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Operators Bob/K0NR and Denny/KB9DPF are now active as ZF2NR and ZF2PF, respectively, from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) until March 17th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB, FT8 and some FM satellites (Grid Loc. EK99). QSL via their home callsigns and LoTW.

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